

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1598 - HB 2061

March 16, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all applicants for teacher licensure to submit to a criminal background check by a licensed private investigation company. Currently teachers undergo background checks by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). Requires applicants for a teaching position to agree to release investigative records, supply a fingerprint sample to the TBI, undergo a background check by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), undergo a psychological examination, and vertis training. Prohibits local education agencies (LEAs) from providing on-site housing to any staff or personnel.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Any increase in expenditures for the Department of Education and the State Board of Education is estimated to be not significant.
- All costs for background checks and psychological examinations will be paid by the applicant.
- Any cost for LEAs to provide vertis training (information on appropriate touch, privacy issues, and other relevant regulations) to new hires is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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